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Re: Raised Bill No.6777

"An Act Requiring the Installation of Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems in New Residential Buildings."

Connecticut General Assembly Public Safety & Security Committee Representative Stephen D. Dargan, Co-Chair

Dear Representative Dargan,

As a member of both the Coalition for the Adoption of Unified Codes (CAUC) and AIA Connecticut, I am writing this letter in support of the proposed change to require sprinklers in new construction one- and two-family detached housing. As a technical matter, I would like to suggest that any new legislation that is written to implement this provision have its language modified to create "enabling legislation" which would allow the code adoption process to incorporate the provision into the State of Connecticut Building Code, rather than having it reside as a technical statute. This would allow the use of the existing enforcement, appeals and modification processes to be utilized by the construction industry, design professionals and code officials in applying the new code provision.

Sincerely,

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